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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Angela K. Dallas, am a Patent Agent and represent Applicant in the above-identified patent application. I hereby confirm that the amendatory material amended into the specification in the Amendment and Response filed on this date consists of the same material incorporated by reference in the referencing application.

Specifically, the citations of publications describing the BLAST algorithm are the same citations of publications found on the referenced website, [www.ncbi.nih.gov/BLAST](http://www.ncbi.nih.gov/BLAST), which reference the BLAST program and statistical analysis, the information associated with such hyperlink having been incorporated by reference into the above-identified application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the subject application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Date: February 20, 2003

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